



Mental Health Transformation Grant

Permanent Options for Recovery-Centered Housing (PORCH) Project

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services

Local Service Area: Pierce, Chelan, and Douglas Counties, WA

Primary Service Focus: Homelessness and Housing

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Evidence-Based Practice(s): Supported Housing

Project Description: The Permanent Options for Recovery-Centered Housing (*PORCH*) project is designed to transform service delivery by promoting sustainable access to evidence-based Permanent Supportive Housing throughout one urban and two rural Washington Counties. PORCH provides consumers with meaningful choice and control of housing and support services, utilizes Peer Housing Specialists, reduces homelessness, and supports the recovery and resiliency of individuals with Serious Mental Illnesses. Services will be prioritized for adults and young adults in transition with severe mental illnesses who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, inappropriately housed, or transitioning from state institutions. Special training will be provided to the teams on the unique trauma-related needs of the population being served. The project team will work with local community and consumer groups/organizations to identify any modifications that may be needed to ensure services are culturally relevant. Consumers will be engaged in every aspect of the transformational activities of this project through direct involvement on the project development team; inclusion of six fulltime Peer Specialists on the Permanent Supportive Housing teams, and partnership with well-established consumer and family advisory groups at the state and local levels.